



Australia's Alternative Fuels Programs

- The package represents the first time that an Australian Government has delivered an integrated suite of alternative fuels programs.
- The Fuels Conversion and CNG Infrastructure Program are delivered by the Australian Greenhouse Office, while the Fuel Grants Scheme is delivered by the Australian Taxation Office.
- The AGO programs are primarily focused on CNG and LPG - as the environmental credentials of these fuels are well-established.
- However, we are giving increasing attention to other alternative fuels such as ethanol.



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- **The Alternative Fuels Conversion Program:**
 - funds the conversion and purchase of alternative fuelled heavier vehicles - \$75 million up to July 2004.
- **The CNG Infrastructure Program:**
 - funds the development of refuelling sites. 16 additional sites were announced in February this year.
- **The Diesel and Alternative Fuels Grants Scheme:**
 - provides a rebate or grant on alternative fuels for eligible heavy vehicles, including alternative fuelled buses in cities.

All three programs have a focus on heavy, high-emitting vehicles.



The new alternative kids on the block

- The CNGIP arose as part of Australia's national response to climate change issues in the lead-up to Kyoto in late 1997.
- The Conversion Program and the Fuel Grants Scheme arose as part of the Government's Measures for a Better Environment package in 1999.
- This package, incidentally, took the Australian government's spending on greenhouse measures up to around \$A1 billion between 2000 and 2004.



The new alternative kids on the block

- The alternative fuels programs reflect the three strands of Australia's approach to climate change issues:
 - Voluntary action
 - legislated standards and targets
 - market measures.



The CNG Infrastructure Program

- 1997: 10 public CNG refuelling outlets and
2001: 12 public outlets
2002: 31 outlets
- This expansion part-funded by the CNGIP -
grants ranging from \$A154k to \$A732k.

Australia's Public CNG refuelling outlets

